

## Two-Thirds Of Students Hold Offices

### HOLY CROSS V. S. F. T. C. IN TENNIS

Among the regular tennis racketeers to report to Coach Alan Kempainen for the first practice session of the season at the Lowe Playground court were "Eddie" O'Sheasy and "Ray" Creamer. The rookie candidates who are also looking forward to a successful season are Alf Braconier, "Larry" Buttrick, John Guilfoil, "Larry" Colson, Grover Howard, "Mattie" Godek, and Manager "Ed" Busby.

The following schedule has been arranged for this year—

1. Holy Cross—April 28—Here
2. Am. Internat'l—May 8—Away
3. Bridgewater—May 15—Here
4. New Britain—May 19—Here
5. Bridgewater—May 22—Away
6. New Britain—May 29—Away
7. Assumption—May 26—Away

Two pending dates with Keene Normal.

### CARPENTER CONDUCTS RURAL SCHOOL CLASS

The elective course on Rural Education, offered by Mr. Carpenter this semester, is filling a very important need at the present time. For the past two or three years an increasingly large number of graduates are being placed in the rural schools.

Among the various problems that the class of thirty-eight students is considering are those of organization, program-making, life in a rural community, parent-teacher work, and the school as a social center.

The students thus far have been engaged in visiting and reporting

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### CARL SANDBURG SPEAKS HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Carl Sandburg, American folk-song recitalist, will appear at the State Teachers College Tuesday evening, April 27, under the auspices of the Gavaleer Society. It is reported that Sandburg will reach Fitchburg in the late afternoon, but, how the great man will employ the few hours prior to his platform appearance can at this writing only be conjectured.

The amazing interest of both students and city people in the poet's presence is indicated by the rapid sale of tickets. Mr. Bacarro, Gavaleer president, states that 200 seats were sold

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### THE WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### APRIL 26—30

##### Monday

11:05—Glee Club  
12:30—Day Girls' Council  
12:30—Typo Club  
2:10—W. G. A. Meeting  
3:15—Baseball  
3:00—Girls' Softball  
4:15—Baseball

##### Tuesday

8:00—Carl Sandburg—College Auditorium

##### Wednesday

3:00—Men's Tennis  
3:00—Baseball—New Britain vs. F. T. C.

##### Thursday

3:00—Men's Tennis  
3:00—Girl's Softball  
4:15—Baseball

##### Friday

12:00—THE STICK Delivery

### ORGANIZATIONS SPEND \$6,000 EACH YEAR

Reports of the student-faculty committee which has been investigating participation in extra-curricular activities are presented to the student body on pages three and four of this week's issue of the THE STICK.

The committee is made up of Miss Bradt, chairman, Mr. Weston, Miss Conlon, Mr. Purinton, Hollis Moore, Milton Jeffrey, Elinor Cronin, and Corinne Johnson.

### RECREATIONAL SIDE OF N. Y. CONFERENCE

Hollis Moore, Dominic Baccaro, Ellen Funaiole, and Martha Gay, who attended the conference of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for teachers, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Miss Conlon, told in an interview of the recreational side of the trip which was not included in their reports in assembly yesterday.

While in the big city, the group visited the Museum of Fine Arts where they had the privilege of seeing a class of young painters at work. Miss Conlon added much interest to the visit by her explanations of the paintings.

Mr. Clark was able to take moving pictures of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. This structure, which has been under construction for thirty years, is one-tenth of a mile long and many stories high. When completed it will surpass many cathedrals of

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## EDITORIAL

### We Should Appreciate

In the spring of 1930, your editor spent an enviable half hour with Edwin Markham, the octogenarian poet. The good philosopher was in a discerning mood; he spoke appraisingly of Robinson and Sandburg. "Yes", he affirmed, weighing his words, "Robinson is the poets' poet, while Sandburg (he smiled kindly) is one of the people—has an honest interest in their failures and triumphs."

The years have proved the accuracy of Markham's analysis. Robinson never was close to the larger population. He was admired and respected for his warm perfection; he was not, on the whole, loved. Sandburg was and is his direct antithesis: he faces sunrise and dusk with the average man's intuition. His fame rests on his ability to accentuate the common to the point of the strange..

We, as students of contemporary culture, should appreciate the presence of Carl Sandburg on Tuesday next. —Don Lytle

## THE ASH TRAY

By Edward O'Sheasy

### Fellow Stoonts:

The following without any reason or apology what-so-ever.

The best story of the month is told by one of the most popular senior men. After seeing his little "chipped mosaic" home after the Gav-Hawk formal, he decided to partake of a little solid nourishment before retiring (as the prices in the swanky night-spot he had previously visited had naturally prohibited real, man-sized eating). For want of a better place he stopped in one of those "trick" sandwich shoppes and ordered two fried egg sandwiches. The waiter gave him a pained look and repeated; "A fried-egg, sir?" Our friend said "Yes," rather weakly. The waiter studied him for a moment, pityingly. "We can give you a sliced-egg, chopped-egg, or deviled-egg sandwich," he said, "but we don't make fried-egg sandwiches." Then he explained in a kindly tone: "You see, we don't cater to the class of customers who eat that type of sandwich."

In a rest-room bull-session—this gem by Alan Kempainen—"The chief difference between a gum-chewing coed and a cud-chewing cow is the thoughtful expression on the face of the cow."

To you unfortunate people who are on liquid diets the following statement from a recent issue of "Hygeia" may be of interest. "The average highball is equal to three hard-boiled eggs. A cocktail is equal to three slices of bread and butter; and a bottle of beer is equivalent to a plate of ham and eggs." (A bromo-seltzer too—?)

Having recently been informed that "early risers are brilliant in the morning and stupid in the afternoon", we are at a loss to

## STUDENT OPINION

### Should F. T .C. Girls Be Allowed To Wear Ankle Socks?

Yes—because all colleges allow it. Why shouldn't we have a college? —M. H.

Yes—because they are inexpensive. We wear sport clothes to school and they're a compliment to ankle socks. —A. H.

Yes—they are by no means immodest, they save wear and tear on silk hose, and are quite as dignified as the people who wear them. —B. W.

No—all right for sports —E. F.

No—what if a superintendent should visit the school? I'd feel embarrassed if I had ankle socks on. —E. C.

No—much too old, apart from being unprofessional. —D. S.

explain the fact that our morning recitations are just as lousy (to use the vernacular) as our afternoon efforts.

"Candid literary shots" of your fellow stoonts:—

"Girls? They're a pain in the neck when they're around and a pain in the heart when they're not."—Daniels

"A husband is one who stands by you in troubles you wouldn't have if you hadn't married him." —N. Richardson

"Better to have loved and lost —much better."—Bauer

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of Critchly, Funaiole, etc."—J. G.

After his recent stay in the hospital, Creamer greets a knock with "Who goes there? Friend or enema?"

Closing, I can think of no more fitting way to leave you than with the words of one of our more prominent radio M. Cs.— "Non compis mentis—or—Keep in touch with me and I will leave you know."



# Extra-Curricula Report

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR BUDGET

A survey of the following budget will give you an idea of the importance of a sound system of extra-curricular financing. The group of organizations (class, athletic, government) given first represents those in which membership is obligatory. The last item gives the total of those in which membership is optional.

Spent From September 19, 1935 to June 1936

I. Classes			
Seniors	\$1,905.67		
(including Saxifrage)			
Juniors	398.94		
Sophomores	118.90		
Freshmen	171.72		
		\$2,595.23	
Men's Athletic Association	1,829.43		
Women's Athletic Association	438.55		
		2,267.98	
Men's Student Association	156.78		
Women's Gov. Association (Dorm.)	61.76		
Women's Gov. Association (Com.)	137.19		
		355.73	
II. All Clubs	1,691.10		1,691.10
Total	\$6,910.04		\$6,910.04

## OPTIONAL PARTICIPATION BY CLASSES

Class	Participants	Non-participants	Class Total
Senior	46	16	62
Junior	49	11	60
Sophomore	50	14	64
Freshman	48	32	80
Total	193	73	266

## EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION BY CLASSES

Class	Number of clubs per individual						Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
* Senior	10	11	8	13	3	1	46
Junior	19	18	9	3	—	—	49
Sophomore	21	12	1	4	2	—	50
Freshman	24	17	5	2	—	—	48

\* Read—10 Seniors belong to 1 club

11 Seniors belong to 2 clubs, etc.

## EXTRA-CURRICULA SURVEY COMPLETE

This survey of student participation is based upon membership and officer lists secured from each club. The resultant chart contains the name of every student with his membership and officer record (major and minor) for the current college year. Such figures as are here presented are totals taken from that chart.

Membership in three organization (class, athletic, government) is required of all. The membership totals given are exclusive of these three organizations. However, officership in these is counted.

The following have been rated as activities in which membership is optional and represents a special interest: Gavalier, Mohawk, Epsilon Pi Tau, Debating League, Dramatic Club, Art Club, Typo Club, Hickory Stick, Saxifrage, Women's Glee Club, Men's Glee Club, Orchestra, and Band. One or two of these are relatively new and their programs are not well established, times of meeting sufficiently regular or extended, of their worth fully demonstrated. By another year sufficient data will be on hand to warrant their retention only if considerably strengthened.

In the following tabulation special students and the college graduate group are omitted. We have in the regular student group sixty-two seniors, sixty juniors, sixty-four sophomores, and eighty freshmen, making a total of two-hundred sixty-six. It is this two-hundred sixty-six whose activities are being analyzed in the tables given.

In the main our chart shows a wholesome condition. Responsibility and learning connected with office holding is pretty well distributed. Exceptions to the rule have been cleared through

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**EXTRA-CURRICULA**

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the Advisory Council. In considering individual exceptions such items as health, scholarship, and amount of activity connected with the office have been taken into account. One-hundred twenty-eight students out of a total of two-hundred sixty-six hold some kind of an office. In all, one-hundred twenty-eight students hold one-hundred thirty-nine offices. Only eleven people hold more than one office. But one person holds two majors. One holds a major and two minors. The other overlappings are generally persons holding two minors.

**SUMMARY**

Participants .....	193
Non-participants .....	73
Major officers .....	26
Minor officers .....	113
Overlapping in office	

holding .....	11
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**OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Students	No. Clubs
79 belong to	1
62 " "	2
23 " "	3
23 " "	4
5 " "	5
1 " "	6

It is desirable that each senior shall have augmented his knowledge and skill in extra-curricular work at some time during his four years on the campus. Required membership in three organizations should make this possible. Spread of committee work, careful apportionment of specific tasks, careful checking of results are all very desirable. Quality in membership and officership might well be goals and sponsors. A rather careful checking of our chart leads to the conclusion that thirty or more students belong to too many activities. Also, some of our high ranking students scholastically belong to only required organizations; several others to only one other organization. Consideration of individuals belong-

ing to required organizations only, leads to the conclusion that they are justified. Health, outside renumeration work, distance of ties, are some of the obvious causes.

Such figures and summaries as are presented in this survey furnish a basis for our conclusions concerning the extra-curricular life of our college. The chart referred to also furnishes a key to understanding or analyzing individual cases. Both tables and chart should be invaluable in the future development of this field at F. T. C.

**BOOKKEEPING**

Our system of financing student activities enables us to deposit the incomes for all organizations in a consolidated bank fund thus removing the necessity of a bank's carrying many small accounts. Yet each club's account is kept separately on our books and each can at any time ascertain its financial standing and plan its spending accordingly.

Two students serve as bookkeeping treasurers. Any organization collecting money pays it in to the joint treasury and is given a receipt. In spending money students issue warrants and checks on the consolidated bank fund by joint treasurers.

All club accounts are audited once a month by a faculty auditing committee.

This system makes it impossible for any individual student to be responsible for any large amounts of money. Incidentally each club treasurer is securing valuable training in accurate bookkeeping, filling out business forms, and appearing before an auditing committee with his balance sheet each month.

**SUGGESTED**

After careful survey of the activities directed by the Men's

Student Association and the Women's Government Associations the Advisory Council suggests that we need a Co-operative Council vested with authority to handle college problems affecting both men and women and recommends that the president and vice-president of the M. S. A. and the presidents of the W. G. A. with their sponsors make up that council. They are familiar with campus needs and form a small enough group to get together easily. Such subjects as all-school socials, college trips to varsity games, demonstrations at games (cheers, fight songs, etc.), standard college ring, banners, seals, occasional congestion of the activities calendar, might be handled more easily and efficiently by a Co-operative Council.

**FACULTY HOBBIES****FLORENCE D. CONLON**

Miss Conlon's main hobby is a love of all types of dogs. One of her favorite breeds is the Shepherd because it has independence becoming of a true "doggy personality". She formerly owned a Shepherd dog that would venture by itself down-town, and then return with her when she came from shopping. Miss Conlon now owns a Pekinese of rather low "doggy personality", but which is handy to take on week-end automobile travels.

Another of her major recreational interests is the study of aesthetics as it is related to all teaching. At present her hobby in this interest means preparing for a trip to Europe where she may study at the University of London, or make an extended continental tour.

Occasionally Miss Conlon enjoys collecting and filing humorous sayings of the college faculty.



## TRACK TEAM TO RUN IN HARVARD RELAYS

Last Friday, at the Leominster Athletic field, our track team held competition to find its four runners for the Harvard Relay Carnival to be held at Harvard College, Saturday the 24th of April. The time was slow due entirely to the track and not the runners. Owens, Geddes, Avadonian and Lacouture scored in order for the quarter mile run.

Lineup for the race Saturday may place Lacouture or Avadonian as start-off, (in any case one two) Gettis running the third lap and Owens, anchor.

While at the field it was noticed that our freshmen class was rather outstanding in track material. Killay, Gearin and Ackroyd in the dashes with Wilson, Manning and Aldrich setting winning paces in the long runs.

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Europe.

The delegation visited Radio City where it saw a radio program in progress and went to the top of the tower where a marvelous sight of the city was visible. The girls had the special privilege of seeing Kate Smith on the air.

Hollie and Dominic went to the New York Library which houses the world's largest collection of books. After looking around the place for over half an hour without seeing a single book, they were forced to ask an attendant where the famous collection was. It seems the books are kept upstairs and are delivered to borrowers by means of telephones and chutes. According to the boys, what they saw was more like a museum than a library.

### SANDBURG

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within the first hour. There are about 30 choice seats left.

The book store on Grove Street is planning a display of Sandburg books, and anticipates a visit from the author of "The People, Yes".

## BASEBALL SEASON OPENS WEDNESDAY

The Fitchburg Teachers baseball team will play host to the New Britain Teachers College nine in the opening game at the Teachers College Field Wednesday afternoon at 3:00. The local men hope to avenge the defeat that they received at the hands of the Nutmegers last year.

The squad is in condition and it is expected that they will show much fine heads up baseball. The team from Connecticut is one that is rated high among the New England Teachers Colleges and the home team hopes to start off on the right foot and administer them defeat.

Coach George Forgues will have six veterans in the opening game. The starting lineup as yet is indefinite but it is expected that such stars as Captain Paul Foye, Coach George Forgues, Milt Jeffrey, Holly Moore, Ken Ladner, Harry Moore and many newcomers will lead the Fitchburg array.

## E. W. NIXON RECEIVES PHYSICAL EDUCATION HONORS

Miss Nixon is in attendance at the annual meeting of the National Physical Education Association in New York City, where her brother, E. W. Nixon, is to be given the honor award for distinguished service and contribution in the field of Health and Physical Education. Professor Nixon is head of the Physical Education department at Pomona College, Claremont, California. At the banquet Wednesday evening April 21 in the Hotel Pennsylvania, Mr. Nixon will be honored with the highest award that can be given a man in his profession.

## GREENHOUSE IS BUSY AT SPRING ACTIVITIES

From the Hastings Conservatory comes the reports of activities which are stirring in preparation for the coming season.

The conservatory, which furnishes flowers for the college during the summer months holds many plants and seedlings which in a few weeks will be ready for transplanting. N. Y. A. workers have been working steadily getting the soil in the gardens ready to receive the sturdy plants.

Besides flowers that will be transplanted are larger plants that will be in bloom in a very short time.

Along with all the flowers are some vegetable plants and Paul Goodwin proudly ventures to say that the greenhouse will have tomatoes ready to eat by June.

### RURAL SCHOOLS

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on rural schools, writing to graduates about their problems and having several graduates return to talk to the class of their experiences.

According to Mr. Carpenter, the rural school is still a vital part of our educational program. It has been hit by the depression. With less money in the rural communities there is a return of people from the cities, and therefore a larger enrollment. Likewise, because of lack of money the consolidated school has not been progressing as it should.

Vermont leads the New England states in these schools, with Maine and New Hampshire second and third respectively. At present our own state of Massachusetts has over two hundred rural schools.

In the new curriculum the course will be required for the elementary students.

MENTAL—Expression of sincerity, such as "I mental I said."



# CAMPUS CHATTER

= by =  
Benny

Why seek at once to dive into  
The depth of all that meets your  
view?

Wait for the melting of the snow,  
And then you'll see what lies  
below.

—Goethe

## Three Cheers for Miss Bradt and Her Girls

Yes sir! Three loud cheers for  
the girls dorm. They put on a  
party the boys will have a hard  
time beating, with dancing, eat-  
ing, fortunes, cards, and games.  
The boys had some fun with Miss  
Bradt by turning the clocks back  
but Miss Bradt had some fun  
with the boys by pretending she  
didn't know it. The boys stayed  
over their allotted time and—  
Why? Because everyone was en-  
joying themselves. So once again  
I say three cheers for Miss Bradt  
and her girls.

Henry Lambert and Barbara  
Whittemore had quite a tussle as  
to which of them would turn the  
music at the Mikado. I wonder  
how it came out? If you ever  
need help again Babs, call on  
Benny he's at your service. As  
for Henry, he's tall enough to  
look after himself.

Some of the best water heav-  
ers of the school have missed me  
this past week. Imagine Seniors  
with four years experience at  
that childish game, and still they  
miss. Others haven't been so  
fortunate.

Visited at B. U. over the week-  
end and am glad to be back  
home where three flights of  
stairs are the limit. They have a  
fine school but can't say that I  
enjoyed the campus. I have more  
grass in my geranium window  
not than I saw from their win-  
dows. With automobiles and  
trains on the front campus and  
theatres and night clubs on the  
back campus I can't for the life  
of me see how any one can study  
very hard. All of which brings  
us to the fact that at good old  
F. T. C. we take for granted  
physical facilities hard to beat.  
Bumped into Mr. Healy who was  
on his way to his Saturday class  
at B. U. Also bumped into Mil-  
dred Coolidge last Monday at a  
convention in Wakefield. Mildred  
comes from West Acton. You  
meet F. T. C. students every-  
where.

## Benny Hears:

That some of the boys dressed  
up for the girls party. Emile  
Comeau, Anderson, King, McNeil,  
Carey, were the boys of the 90's.

That Miss Gerrin tells the most  
pleasing fortunes. (I am still  
waiting however for my fortune  
to come to me. Here it is nearly  
two weeks and I'm poor as ever.)

That Merilis Cote will tell your  
fortune in love.

That Ann Hyland gives quite  
accurate character readings. How  
do I know? Well all three tried  
their skill on me.

Some of our college romances  
to date.

Forgues—Knight, Lowe—Algeo,  
Rush—Cronin, Mahoney—Molo-  
ghan, Anderson—Duncan, Roseen  
—Cote, Loiko—Fitchburg, Owens  
—McCarthy, Matyosaitis—Woods,  
Savoy—Richardson, Donovan Jr.  
—Sears, Vorse—Scully, Bowers  
—Cleaves, McCaffrey—Harris,  
Lanides—Burke, King—Hanson,  
Caswell—Gates, Foye—Perrault.  
Baker—Hamilton, Pettee—Mitch-  
ell, Gearin—Shea, Aykroyd—  
Norton en, Glennon—Lyons.  
Moore—White, Collard—Disken,

## HARVARD YOUTH'S APOLOGY

Pahdon my accent.

Pahdon my youth.

But then isn't the "Accent on  
Youth?"

## Dictionary Exercise



A sensible fellow—one who  
agrees with us.

Moron—a person who is con-  
tent with a serene mind.

Socialist—a person who has  
nothing and wants to share it  
with you.

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